



Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2002, 6:30 p.m.
Mayor's Ceremonial Room

Members Present: Claudia Johnson, Manuel Carrasco, David McNiel, Jay Dyer, Jacob Hernandez, Tom Martin, Ernie Hautala, Rita Norton, Erin House, Christina Duran

Members Excused: Araceli Moore, Randy Akes, Barbara Brown, Dana Kruckenberg, Richard Burns

Members Unexcused: Leticia Pepper, Jaime Hurtado, Lee Wagner, Nancy Hart

Guests: Teresa McAllister, Dvonne Pitruzzello, Revia Chandler, Marie Leggette

Staff: Eva Webster, Director of Office of Neighborhoods

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Manuel Carrasco at 6:40 p.m. Self-introduction of members and guests followed.

2. Approval of Minutes: Manuel Carrasco, Chairman

Motion to approve minutes of November 4, 2002, carried.

(McNiel/Johnson/Carried)

3. Introduction of new Youth Action Office Director, Teresa McAllister

Ms. McAllister gave an overview of the Youth Action Office, its history, mission, and goals. She then took questions from the board.

4. Subcommittee reports

a. Planning

David McNiel reported that the planning subcommittee met and recommends establishing a standing planning committee. The Chairman asked for volunteers, and the following members stepped forward: Jacob Hernandez, Jay Dyer. Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Dyer will talk with Mr. Carrasco about a good time for the three of them to meet.

Mr. McNiel also reported that the ad hoc planning subcommittee recommended planning a community workshop on the planning process and also recommends that the planning department add neighborhood leaders to its mailing list relative to area.

b. Publicity

The publicity subcommittee met December 2, and the following items were discussed:

- That the RNP's "horn should be tooted" in the Riverside Report;
- That a Neighborhood Organizing video should be produced with the Office of Neighborhoods;
- That the RNP should produce press releases as to current events, etc., in neighborhoods;
- That the RNP develop a tri-fold brochure much like the Office of Neighborhoods brochure and include a number to call for "speakers" at neighborhood meetings (board members);
- That the RNP meetings be advertised through B1 box ads in the Press Enterprise;
- That the RNP also get items in the GRB newspaper;
- That area representatives attend Mayor's Night Out in their area neighborhoods and speak on behalf of the RNP;
- That the board send letters to the editor of the Press re: positive neighborhood activities, etc.;

- Overriding theme of the publicity campaign would be the RNP's goal of creating more neighborhood organizations;

5. Formation of Neighborhood Conference 2003 subcommittee

The following people have volunteered to be members of the conference subcommittee: Manuel Carrasco, David McNiel, Christina Duran, Jay Dyer, Tom Martin, Marie Leggette.

6. Discussion of "runners up" at conference caucuses to fill empty board positions

Motion was made to amend the bylaws by changing the wording of Article 3 Section 3 to the following: "If a current sitting member's seat becomes vacant before the completion of his/her term, the next runners up from the previous neighborhood conference will be asked to fill the position until the next caucus and elections at the next neighborhood conference."

Discussion follows. Motion carried.

(McNiel/Norton/Carried)

Request made per RNP bylaws that the proposed change be mailed to the membership prior to the next meeting and that discussion/approval of this item be placed at the top of the agenda.

7. Office of Neighborhoods Awards Program update

Eva Webster reported on the Awards Program held on November 16, 2002. The event was very well attended and appreciated by all of the award recipients.

8. Future Agenda Items:

Amendment to Article 3 Section 3 of the bylaws

Presentation by Fair Housing

Establishment of Bylaws Subcommittee

9. Other Business/Public comment

- Tom Martin suggested that the Council send an alternate councilperson to the RNP meetings in the event Nancy Hart cannot attend.

10. Next Meeting: January 6, 2003, 6:30pm

11. Meeting adjourned

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